

In the Claims

The following is a marked-up version of the claims with the language that is underlined (“___”) being added and the language that contains strikethrough (“—”) being deleted:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for intelligently routing hard-copy generation tasks, comprising ~~the steps of~~:

accessing imaging service data from a network connected computing device;
accessing imaging data from at least one store, via the network and using an imaging extension, to generate at least one criterion; and
~~presenting the means to access~~ recommending at least one hard-copy generation service capable of performing a particular hard-copy generation task matching the at least one criterion.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
initiating a hard-copy generation request.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~the step of~~ accessing imaging service data comprises retrieving logic.

5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~the step of~~ accessing imaging service data comprises retrieving content descriptors.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~the step of~~ accessing imaging data comprises retrieving imaging data from the at least one store.

7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~the step of~~ accessing imaging data comprises retrieving a scaled-down version of a document.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~[[2]]~~ 1, wherein ~~the step of~~ recommending depends on both the imaging service and the imaging data.

10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~[[2]]~~ 1, wherein ~~the step of~~ recommending comprises presenting a plurality of user selectable destinations.

11. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~[[8]]~~ 1, wherein the imaging extension comprises part of a user browser.

12. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~[[8]]~~ 1, wherein the imaging extension comprises logic received from the imaging service data.

13. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 10, wherein ~~the step of~~ recommending further comprises presenting information describing the network location of each of the plurality of user selectable destinations.

14. (Currently Amended) A method for intelligently routing a task, comprising ~~the steps of:~~

- accessing imaging data associated with a task using an imaging extension;
- acquiring data regarding a plurality of services accessible to a network coupled user computing device;
- identifying a plurality of parameters that define ~~[[a]]~~ the task;
- identifying ~~[[the]]~~ capabilities of at least one resource associated with each of the plurality of services;
- associating at least one decision point with each of the plurality of parameters; ~~[[and]]~~
- selectively adjusting the at least one decision point ~~such that when the system receives information reflective of data designated for a task, the decision point is used in formulating~~
- to formulate a recommended resource to perform the task; and
- recommending the resource capable of performing the task based on use of the at least one decision point.

15. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 14, wherein ~~the step of~~ acquiring data comprises services suited for performing at least one hard-copy generation task.

16. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 14, wherein the ~~step of identifying~~ a plurality of parameters comprise ~~[[s]]~~ resource control inputs.

17. (Currently Amended) A system for recommending a network coupled resource, comprising:

- means for developing a knowledge base concerning the capabilities of available network coupled resources;

means for associating at least one content descriptor with a designated task;
means for developing logic responsive to the knowledge base;
means for communicating the logic and the at least one descriptor to an application;
means for extracting the at least one content descriptor from a document in a data store; [[and]]

means for identifying a recommended network coupled resource suited to perform a designated data transformation; and

means for recommending the network coupled resource identified.

18. (Original) The system of claim 17, wherein the knowledge base development means comprises information reflective of hard-copy generation services.

19. (Original) The system of claim 17, wherein the associating means comprises hard-copy generation device control inputs.

20. (Original) The system of claim 17, wherein the communicating means comprises a network.

21. (Original) The system of claim 17, wherein the extracting means comprises an imaging extension.

22. (Original) The system of claim 17, wherein the identifying means comprises logic communicated to a browser.

23. (Original) The system of claim 21, wherein the imaging extension comprises part of a browser.

24. (Currently Amended) A method for assisting a user in selecting a hardcopy generation service, comprising ~~the steps of:~~

accessing imaging data stored in a personal image repository using an imaging extension;

formulating at least one criterion reflective of the imaging data;

accessing information reflective of a plurality of hardcopy generation services;

using the at least one criterion to identify hardcopy generation services; and

~~presenting~~ recommending the identified hardcopy generation services to the user.

25. (Canceled)

26. (Original) The method of claim 24, further comprising:

initiating a hard-copy generation request.

27. – 28. (Canceled)

29. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~[[28]]~~ 24, wherein the hard-copy generation services are coupled via the wide area network commonly known as the Internet.

30. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~[[28]]~~ 24, wherein the hard-copy generation services are coupled via a local area network.

31. (Original) The method of claim 24, wherein the at least one criterion identifies a parameter range.

32. (Original) The method of claim 31, wherein the parameter comprises a measure of the size of a document.

33. (Original) The method of claim 31, wherein the parameter comprises a measure of color information.

34. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~[[26]]~~ 24, further comprising:
~~formulating a second criteria responsive to~~ receiving a user preference.

35. (Original) The method of claim 34, further comprising:
identifying at least one recommended service responsive to the user preference.